



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Three Application

PATENT APPLICATION

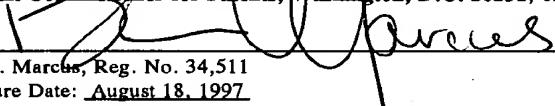
Barry N. Gardiner)
Paul T. McDonald)
Richard D. Phipps)
SC/Serial No.: 08/781,579)
Filed: January 9, 1997)
Title: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL FASTENERS,)
INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS FOR)
MINIMALLY INVASIVE VASCULAR)
AND ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY)

RECEIVED
SEP 17 1997

GROUP 3320

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States
Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 18, 1997.


Brian I. Marcus, Reg. No. 34,511 (Attorney Signature)
Signature Date: August 18, 1997

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Amendments

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

09/12/1997 STORRNT0 00000059 08781579
01 FC:202 520.00 0P
02 FC:203 451.00 0P

In the Specification,

At page 1, line 17: Please delete "Serial No. _____" and substitute --Serial
No. 08/781,578-- therefor.